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Quality Care Awards Presented to Seven Facilities

DES MOINES, IOWA – Seven Iowa long-term care facilities today were presented with a Governor’s Award for Quality Care in Health Care Facilities. The presentations were made at the Annual Governor’s Conference on Aging held in West Des Moines. Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) Director Steve Young made the announcements on behalf of Governor Tom Vilsack. Selected to receive this year’s Quality Care awards are:

- Colonial Manor of Anita, a 53-bed nursing facility in Anita;
- Ramsey Home, a 78-bed nursing facility in Des Moines;
- Manning Regional Healthcare Center, a 58-bed hospital-based nursing facility in Manning;
- Country View Manor, a 62-bed nursing facility in Sibley;
- Manor House Care Center, an 80-bed nursing facility in Sigourney;
- Woodland Terrace, a 130-bed nursing facility in Waverly; and
- Sunrise Terrace Care Center, a 58-bed nursing facility in Winfield.

“These facilities represent some of the best long-term care facilities in our state,”

Director Young said. “They were nominated by individuals who, on a daily basis, recognize the quality of care being provided to the residents. Each facility is to be congratulated for surpassing

the Department's benchmark for quality.”

This year's recipients of the Governor's Award for Quality Care were selected from a field of 16 nominated facilities. Each nominated facility was evaluated by an advisory committee and scored according to predetermined criteria, including the uniqueness of programs and services, replicability of programs and services, resources required to provide quality care or services, the resident's quality of life, and the facility's history of compliance. DIA staff conducted on-site visits to verify each facility's eligibility for the Governor's Award.

“Thousands of Iowans receive compassionate care in our state's long-term care facilities. Too often, however, these facilities, their staff, and the quality service they provide go unnoticed by the general public,” Young explained. “The Quality Care Award program, established by Governor Vilsack in 1999, recognizes long-term care providers that demonstrate provision of the highest quality of care to their residents.” Since the first awards were presented in 2001, a total of 23 facilities have received a Governor's Award.

“Governor Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson have made quality health care a priority of their administration,” Young continued, adding: “One of the best ways to promote quality care is to recognize and encourage it. Today's honorees all provide a level of care and service to their residents worthy of this recognition.”